MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM: ഇപ്പോൾ അവിടെ എത്ര ഡിസ്പെൻസറിയുണ്ട്?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : ഒന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM : ഒരു ഡിസ്പെൻസറി കൊണ്ടു ഞങ്ങളുടെ താലൂക്കിലെ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾ നടക്കുമെന്നു മെമ്പർ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: പ്രയാസം കാണും. ഈ താലൂക്കിൽ രണ്ടു ശാലകളും ഉണ്ട്.

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM : ആശുപത്രിയില്ലെന്നറിയുമോ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : ആശുപത്രി വേണമെന്നില്ല ഡിസ്പെൻസറി ആവശ്യമാണ്.

MR. J. JOHN KATTAKAYAM : ഇനിയും കുറെക്കാലം ഇങ്ങനെതന്നെ നടക്കണമെന്നാണോ വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE അതിനേപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ധനസ്ഥിതി നന്നാകുമ്പോൾ ആലോചിക്കാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ.

Agreement entered into with the South Indian Railway Company.

57. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the agreement entered into with the South Indian Railway Company?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have not entered into any agreement with the South Indian Railway Company. They have settled the terms of working of the Railway with the British Government.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : May I know whether it is not a fact that the Secretary of State, on behalf of Travancore, has entered into contract with the S. I. R.?

MR. K. GEORGE : It cannot be said that the Secretary of State entered into a contract on behalf of Travancore. But the terms of working the Travancore section of the Railway are also included in the Agreement between the Secretary of State and the S. I. R. Company.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: That is, on behalf of the Travancore section?

MR. K. GEORGE : Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know whether Government will be pleased to place on the table, the terms of working?

MR. K. GEORGE: The Government of Travancore have settled the terms of working the Railway with the British Government. There is a lot of correspondence and they constitute several volumes of files. It is not an easy matter to place them on the table.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know whether the Government will place on the table the contract entered into by the Secretary of State with the S. I. R. Company?

MR. K. GEORGE: That is not our property.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know how the Travancore section of the Railway is bound by agreement entered into by the Secretary of State and the Travancore Government?

MR. K. GEORGE: There is no formal agreement so far as the Shencottah-Quilon section. The agreement is between the Secretary of State and the Company.

So far as the Government of India and the Government of Travancore are concerned, they have entered into certain terms as regards the division of profits and other matters.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: The answer given is that there is no agreement between the Travancore Government and the South Indian Railway Company.

MR. K. GEORGE: The Travancore Government have settled the terms of working the Railway with the British Government.

Mr. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Represented by?

MR. K. GEORGE: The Secretary of State for India.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know what exactly is the *locus standi* of the Secretary of State, in the working of the South Indian Railway Company?

MR. K. GEORGE: The Secretary of State is the proprietor, and the South Indian Railway Company are the working agents.

Estimate for Trivandrum-Nagercoil Railway line.

58. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount estimated for the opening of the Trivandrum-Nagercoil Railway line?

MR. K. GEORGE: The estimated cost for the line from Trivandrum to Nagercoil *via* Colachel for a distance of 57·91 miles is Rs. 80,52,303. The cost of the line without the Colachel detour, for a distance of 46 miles up to Kottar, is Rs. 64,00,000.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know whether the Government propose to open this line in the near future?

MR. K. GEORGE: No.

Bridge at Poovar across the Neyyar.

59. MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that representations have been made regarding the necessity for a bridge at Poovar, across the Neyyar river, both in the Legislative Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, for the past so many years?

MR. L. H. JACOB: Yes.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി എന്തെങ്കിലും നടപടി നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. L. H. JACOB: The estimate is under preparation.

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